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Held at Concordia University between May 9th and 11th, 2011, The Symposium on History, Memory, and Jewish Identity aims to investigate the macroscopic patterns of the ways in which historical consciousness and the preservation of memory have contributed to the formation of Jewish identity. Scholars invited from across Canada and the United States will deliver papers on the interaction of history, memory, and Jewish identity as a historical phenomenon, from the ancient world to the contemporary period.

All sessions are open to the public.

For registration and schedule information, visit religion.concordia.ca/jewishid

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PROGRAM

MONDAY, MAY 9

BREAKFAST AND OPENING ADDRESS (8:30–10:00 a.m.)
Dr. Frederick H. Lowy, President, Concordia University

PANEL 1 (10:00–11:45 a.m.)
Chair: Bina Freiwald (Concordia University)
Jack Lightstone (Brock University), *Power and the (Re) Creation of Collective/Cultural Memory in Early Judaism;* Rachel Havrelock (University of Illinois at Chicago), *Two Banks: Ancient Israel between Homeland and Diaspora;* Lionel Judah Sanders (Concordia University) *The Cause of the Alexandrian Pogrom 38-41 CE*

LUNCH (11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)

PANEL 2 (1:00–2:15 p.m.)
Chair: Erica Lehrer (Concordia University)
Anna Shternshis (University of Toronto), *Dark Family Secrets in the Land of Eternal Happiness: Holocaust Memory in the Soviet Union in the 1950s-1980s;* Benjamin Baader (University of Manitoba), *The Shoah and Jewish Identity in Europe and North America: Thoughts on Historical Differences and New Developments*

COFFEE (2:15–2:45 p.m.)

PANEL 3 (2:45–4:30 p.m.)
Chair: Gershon Hundert (McGill University)
Lorenzo DiTommaso (Concordia University), *History, Memory, and Identity in Ancient and Mediaeval Jewish Apocalypses;* Beth Berkowitz (Jewish Theological Seminary), *A Short History of the People Israel from the Patriarchs to the Messiah: Constructions of Jewish Difference in Leviticus Rabbah 23;* Naftali Cohn (Concordia University) *Rabbis Looking Back at the Temple Era: Memory and Identity in the Mishnah*

TUESDAY, MAY 10

BREAKFAST (9:00–10:00 a.m.)

PANEL 4 (10:00–11:45 a.m.)
Chair: Sharon Gubbay Helfer (Université de Montréal)
Marsha Rozenblit (University of Maryland), *Memory of the 'Good Old Kaiser' and the Role of Habsburg Loyalty in the Identities of Austrian Jews in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries;* Dean Bell (Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies), *Between Memory and History: Early Modern German Jewish Customs and Identity;* Howard Adelman (Queen's University), *Rabbi Leon Modena and the Study of History in Early Modern Italy*

LUNCH (11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)

PANEL 5 (1:00–2:15 p.m.)
Chair: Michael Oppenheim (Concordia University)
James Diamond (Waterloo University), *Nahmanides vs. Maimonides: The Struggle for Jewish Identity in Medieval Jewish Thought;* Ira Robinson (Concordia University), *Who Is a Marrano?: Reflections on Modern Jewish Identity*

COFFEE (2:15–2:45 p.m.)

PANEL 6 (2:45–4:30 p.m.)
Chair: Meir Amor (Concordia University)
Beth Wenger (University of Pennsylvania), *American Jewish Immigrants and the Invention of Europe;* Yehuda Kurtzer (Shalom Hartman Institute of North America), *Remembering to Forget: Memory Anxiety in Contemporary Jewish Life;* Steven Lapidus (Concordia University), *North American Hasidim: Between Modernity and the Old World*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

BREAKFAST (8:30–9:15 a.m.)

PANEL 7 (9:15–10:45 a.m.)
Chair: Jeremy Stolow (Concordia University)
Calvin Goldscheider (Brown University), *Qualitative and Quantitative Insights into Contemporary Jewish Identities: Europe, Israel, and the United States;* Norma Joseph (Concordia University), *Finding our Way: Immigration and Cultural Continuity through Foodways*

COFFEE (10:45–11:15 a.m.)

PANEL 8 (11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)
Chair: Norman Ravvin (Concordia University)
Pierre Anctil (University of Ottawa), *The Challenge of Memory for Yiddish-Language Activists in Montréal;* Richard Menkis (University of British Columbia), *Multiculturalism and the Reamateurization of Canadian Jewish History*

CLOSING REMARKS AND FAREWELL (12:30–1:00 p.m.)

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